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In re application of Bengt GUSS *et al.*

Serial No. 09/147,405

Filed: April 1, 1999

: Exr: S. Devi

: Art Unit: 1645

For: New Fibrinogen Binding Protein Originating From Coagulase-Negative
Staphylococcus

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated January 25, 2002, the period for response to which has been extended to May 25, 2002, by filing a petition for a one month extension of time and paying the required fee. The deadline for filing a response within the extended one month period is May 28, 2002, since May 25, 2002, falls on a Saturday and May 27, 2002, is a federal holiday. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Sub I5
1. (Five times amended) A purified *Staphylococcus epidermidis* protein or polypeptide fragment of the protein having fibrinogen binding activity.

Sub I6
25. (Thrice amended) A vaccine composition including the protein or polypeptide fragment of the protein having fibrinogen binding activity according to claim 1.